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## Appendix A. Supplementary data

### Abiotic stress upregulated TaZFP34 represses expression of type-B response regulator and *SHY2* genes and enhances root to shoot ratio in wheat

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**Supplementary Table S1.** The sequences of primer pairs used for real-time PCR.

Gene name	GenBank accession #	Forward primer	Reverse primer
TaZFP22	EU408222	5'-cgtgtgccggaagacgtt	5'-cgtcgtagtggcacttttg
TaZFP34	EU408224	5'-acggcgatcagtggtgt	5'-gacgaacagctcgagcaaga
TaZFP46	EU650398	5'-acaacgacagcagcgacaat	5'-gtgggtgttcaggctcgag
TaRR12B	AK336252	5'-aagctgcagggtggattcaa	5'-cacacccgaggtcatttcc
TaRR12D	CJ612635	5'-gcagggtgggttcaattcc	5'-ctctcatatgcaggaccaagt
TaRR1L1	CK206029	5'-cattggaagcagtgagacatc	5'-tccagggtattaccctacttacaatc
TaRR1L2	JF951927	5'-cagccagtgtccagtctgtcta	5'-aagcacccttcccaacaaatc
TaIAA7	AJ575098	5'-caaggccaaggacaaagtacaa	5'-caccatcctgtggcatcatag
TaIAA8	GH723801	5'-tgcagctggaagattgctcaa	5'-ccatcgacatcatcgcaact
TaIAA27	HX049647	5'-gccgccggaagagtaagaa	5'-cgatcgaggaaaggaaaca
TaSHY2	HX177892	5'-ggatcatgaaggatccgaag	5'-catggcatgttgcgtgttct
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TaGID1	FR668556	5'-caagtactctgcacgctccag	5'-ggcaggtagcgcctccagta
TaRht1	KC767924	5'-ccaggtcatgtccgaggtga	5'-ggccaccacgttgcagat
TaARF1	AK331474	5'-tcagactatccagcctcgtttg	5'-cccgaatgatcaaaaggagaaa
TaARF2a	AK334169	5'-ggaaggttcagtggtgtgac	5'-tggctagaatttaatcgttgatg
TaARF2b	AK335756	5'-tcaaacaaaggattggcagattg	5'-cttgcgcactatgtgcagAAC
TaARF6	BJ313449	5'-gcagcagcggaaactgtttctat	5'-ggcaaatcttccactatacc
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TaETTINb	AY376128	5'-cgacgtccaacaatggatata	5'-caaatcaagaatcaccaacagatga
TATIR1L1	AK330774	5'-gccataatctgtgttggaagtga	5'-tgccaatgatcgatacaggatca
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TaTIR1L3	HX160462	5'-aatgcctaattctgtgttggaag	5'-gccaacgatcgatacaggatca
TaPIN1a	CK162375	5'-catacatgcagcacaactgtg	5'-ggcagatgcacacaagtgtca
TaPIN1b	AY496058	5'-ctcagcagcgtgtcatcttc	5'-aggccgagcaggatgtagtaga
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TaPIN4	CA703452	5'-gagccaaggagaggaggacta	5'-cctgttcccgaagctgaagtc
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TaGA3ox2	AK330302	5'-gtcacgtggcccagtagat	5'-catcgtgtgtcgtggagatg
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TaExpA4	AY543530	5'-gagcaggaactgggtgctta	5'-gtccgtcgtcgtgtctgtacc
TaExpB1	CJ803265	5'-ggcacgtctacagctctc	5'-gtcacaaaatgcagaaccaga
TaRP15	HX098404	5'-gcacacgtgcttgcagataag	5'-gccctcaagctcaaccataact

The full-length sequences of some genes were obtained by extending partial EST sequences from the NCBI wheat EST database (<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>) and wheat genome sequence databases ([http://www.cerealsdb.uk.net/cerealgenomics/CerealsDB/search\\_reads.php](http://www.cerealsdb.uk.net/cerealgenomics/CerealsDB/search_reads.php) and <https://urgi.versailles.inra.fr/blast/blast.php>).

Some primers match with three homoeologous genes, as *T. aestivum* is a hexaploid species.

\* Sequence position in HG670306: 425714967-425716472

**Supplementary Table S2.** Summary of the DNA-binding specificity of TaZFP46.

Binding affinity	Left sequence	Spacer length between two SAGTR motifs	Right sequence	Relative binding activity to preferred base
Preferred	GG <b>GAGTGA</b>	N8	GG <b>GAGTGA</b>	100%
High	AC	N8	AC	71–90%
Medium	TT AB	N5–11	TT AB	41–70%
Low	HC	N5–11	HC	20–40%

Data are based on Figure 2. The preferred binding sequence of TaZFP46 is **GGGAGTGAN5GGGAGTGA**.  
H = A, C or T; B = C, G or T; S = C or G; R = A or G.

**Supplementary Table S3.** Expression levels of *TaZFP34* and potential root growth-related, ABA signaling pathway or antioxidant enzyme genes in the roots of wild-type and transgenic plants expressing high-level *TaZFP34*.

Gene name	Gene description	ZFP34-2	ZFP34 -13	Wild type	Ratio T/W†
TaZFP34		0.042 ± 0.014**	0.049 ± 0.006**	0.001 ± 0.000	<b>46</b>
Root growth-related genes					
TaRR12B	Two-component response regulator	0.017 ± 0.004*	0.018 ± 0.001*	0.033 ± 0.009	<b>0.53</b>
TaRR12D	Two-component response regulator	0.041 ± 0.013*	0.051 ± 0.017*	0.099 ± 0.008	<b>0.46</b>
TaRR1L1	Two-component response regulator 1-like	0.870 ± 0.073	0.768 ± 0.033*	1.089 ± 0.210	<b>0.75</b>
TaRR1L2	Two-component response regulator 1-like	0.244 ± 0.029	0.241 ± 0.044	0.257 ± 0.032	0.94
TaIAA7	Aux/IAA protein	2.62 ± 0.42*	2.71 ± 0.19*	3.59 ± 0.33	<b>0.74</b>
TaIAA8	Aux/IAA protein	1.43 ± 0.15	1.27 ± 0.07*	1.47 ± 0.04	<b>0.92</b>
TaIAA27	Aux/IAA protein	0.114 ± 0.006*	0.116 ± 0.005*	0.143 ± 0.013	<b>0.80</b>
TaSHY2	Aux/IAA protein	0.977 ± 0.061*	0.933 ± 0.031*	1.322 ± 0.203	<b>0.72</b>
TaGA20-ox1	Gibberellin 20-oxidase	0.030 ± 0.008*	0.040 ± 0.004*	0.062 ± 0.011	<b>0.56</b>
TaGID1	Gibberellin receptor	0.933 ± 0.148*	0.934 ± 0.110*	0.632 ± 0.067	<b>1.48</b>
TaRht1	DELLA protein	0.239 ± 0.027	0.213 ± 0.024	0.286 ± 0.049	0.79
TaARF1	Auxin response factor	0.187 ± 0.010	0.198 ± 0.016	0.193 ± 0.018	1.00
TaARF2a	Auxin response factor	0.061 ± 0.003	0.065 ± 0.004	0.062 ± 0.003	1.02
TaARF2b	Auxin response factor	0.160 ± 0.005	0.151 ± 0.010	0.140 ± 0.022	1.11
TaARF6	Auxin response factor	0.013 ± 0.004	0.017 ± 0.003	0.017 ± 0.004	0.88
TaETTINa	ETTIN-like auxin response factor	0.038 ± 0.004	0.034 ± 0.005	0.038 ± 0.001	0.95
TaETTINb	ETTIN auxin response factor	0.051 ± 0.006	0.047 ± 0.004	0.048 ± 0.004	1.02
TaTIR1L1	Transport inhibitor response 1-like	0.313 ± 0.035	0.266 ± 0.028	0.308 ± 0.038	0.94
TaTIR1L2	Transport inhibitor response 1-like	0.674 ± 0.052	0.558 ± 0.024	0.593 ± 0.007	1.04
TaTIR1L3	Transport inhibitor response 1-like	0.259 ± 0.012	0.181 ± 0.018	0.208 ± 0.038	1.06
TaPIN1a	Auxin efflux carrier protein	0.0017 ± 0.0002	0.0013 ± 0.0001	0.0013 ± 0.0004	1.15
TaPIN1b	Auxin efflux carrier protein	0.155 ± 0.008	0.175 ± 0.005	0.215 ± 0.042	0.77
TaPIN2	Auxin efflux carrier protein	0.282 ± 0.019	0.295 ± 0.030	0.293 ± 0.041	0.99
TaPIN4	Auxin efflux carrier protein	0.117 ± 0.028	0.082 ± 0.021	0.083 ± 0.023	1.20
TaExpB18	Expansin B	0.009 ± 0.003*	0.012 ± 0.002	0.017 ± 0.003	<b>0.62</b>
TaCYCB1-2	Cyclin B1	0.073 ± 0.025	0.087 ± 0.021	0.089 ± 0.022	0.90
TaCYCB2-3	Cyclin B2	0.050 ± 0.015	0.054 ± 0.016	0.058 ± 0.011	0.90
TaCYCD4-1	Cyclin D4	0.171 ± 0.012	0.174 ± 0.015	0.175 ± 0.030	0.99
ABA metabolic, signalling or drought-upregulated genes					
TaNCED3	9-cis-epoxycarotenoid dioxygenase 3	0.009 ± 0.001	0.014 ± 0.002	0.009 ± 0.003	1.28
TaNCED9	9-cis-epoxycarotenoid dioxygenase 9	0.015 ± 0.001	0.019 ± 0.001	0.017 ± 0.001	1.00
TaCYP707A1	ABA 8'-hydroxylase 1	0.375 ± 0.027	0.401 ± 0.040	0.359 ± 0.056	1.08
TaABI1	Protein phosphatase 2C	0.209 ± 0.005	0.228 ± 0.012	0.260 ± 0.037	0.84
TaNAC69-1	ABA-inducible NAC transcription factor	0.084 ± 0.005	0.055 ± 0.005	0.070 ± 0.013	0.99
TaWRAB1	Late embryogenesis abundant protein	0.161 ± 0.028	0.121 ± 0.043	0.180 ± 0.025	0.78
TaWRAB18	Late embryogenesis abundant protein	0.291 ± 0.193	0.499 ± 0.054	0.488 ± 0.072	0.81
TaLEA1	Late embryogenesis abundant protein	0.027 ± 0.006	0.019 ± 0.009	0.021 ± 0.002	1.10
Antioxidant enzyme genes					
TaAPX1	L-ascorbate peroxidase 1	8.96 ± 0.17*	10.11 ± 0.65	13.35 ± 2.41	<b>0.71</b>
TaAPX2	L-ascorbate peroxidase 2	17.27 ± 0.41*	23.65 ± 1.11*	29.90 ± 1.42	<b>0.68</b>
TaFSD2	Fe-superoxide dismutase 2	0.081 ± 0.001	0.104 ± 0.008	0.108 ± 0.020	0.86

The root samples were from 3-week-old hydroponically grown wild type and T<sub>2</sub> transgenic (ZFP34-2 and ZFF34-13) plants. Values are means ± SD of 3 biological replicates and expression levels are relative to an internal reference gene, *TaRP15*. GenBank accession numbers of these genes are shown in Supplementary Table S1. Values in bold are those with a significant difference at least in one of the two transgenic lines.

\*  $P < 0.05$  using Student's  $t$ -test; \*\*  $P < 0.01$ ;

† Ratio of the mean values of two transgenic lines to that of the wild type control.

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TaZFP22  MAVEAVLEAAAMVPSPPSKEMEASSSTSEEASALLGQAEGWSKRKRSRRPRALAPSEEEYLALCLLMLAHGHRDSAPAAA
TaZFP34      MGAAVKRAREEPVSLALALTDSASSTTSADSAAGAAPARKRARRGVRVATS
TaZFP46      MTKRFAEEKEMARVLLLV-----SQEQAMPMPMPMAVRGDR----A

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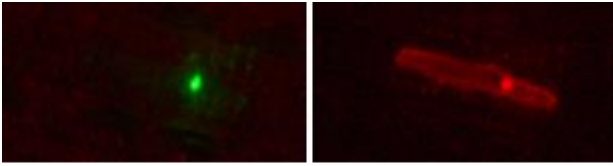
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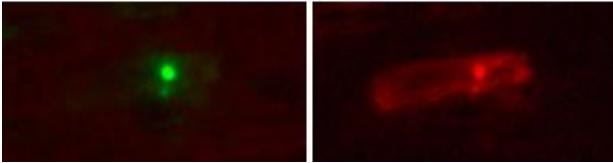
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**Supplementary Figure S1.** Amino acid sequence alignment of TaZFP22, TaZFP34 and TaZFP46. C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> residues and QALGGH motifs are in bold. EAR motifs are underlined.

Ubi1GFPZFP22



Ubi1GFPZFP46



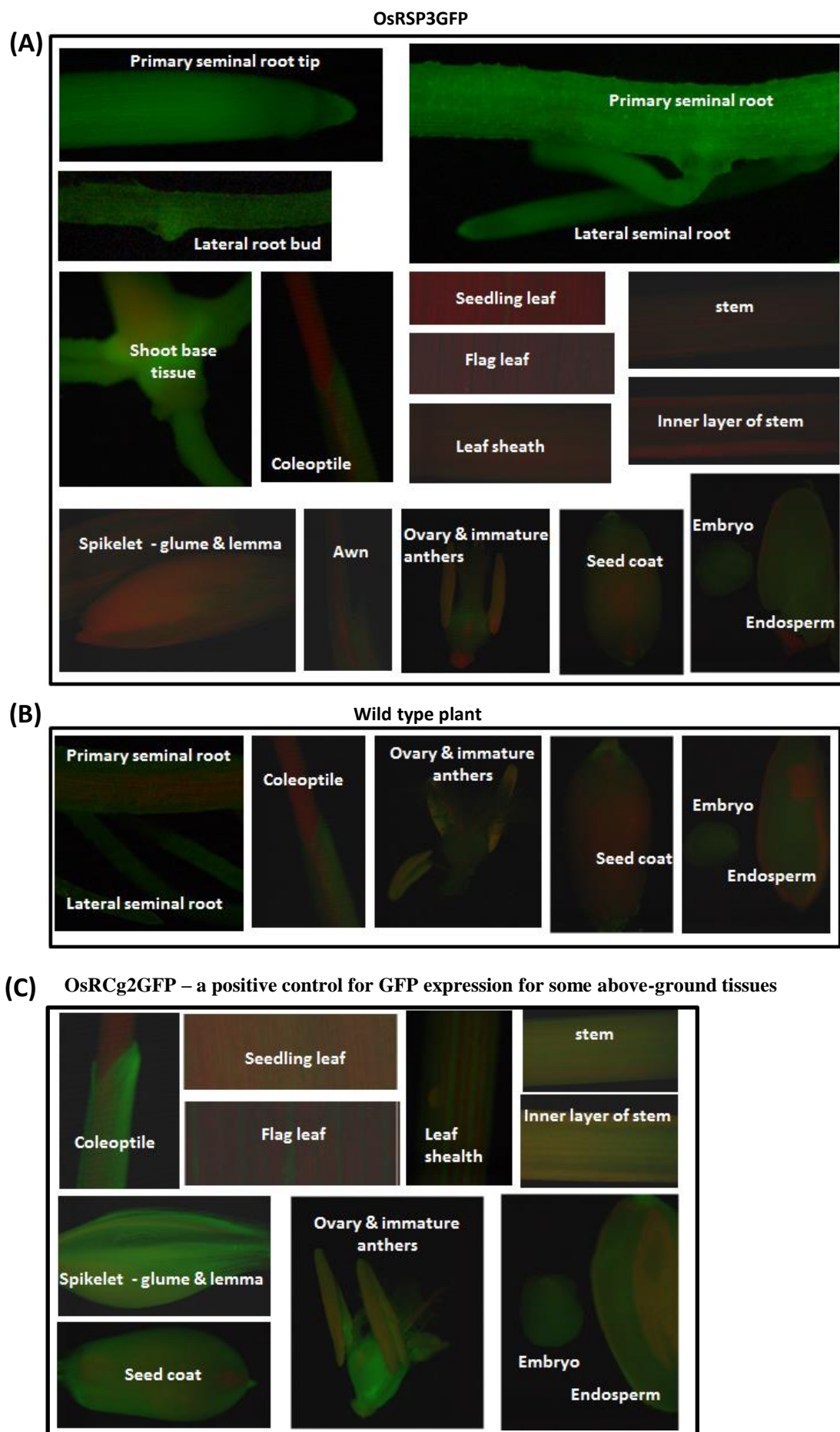
**Supplementary Figure S2.** Subcellular localisation of TaZFP22-GFP and TaZFP46-GFP fusion proteins in wheat leaves. Each TaZFP-GFP construct (Ubi1GFPZFP22 or Ubi1GFPZFP46) was co-bombarded with an Act1RFP construct. The RFP red fluorescence illustrates the shape of transformed leaf epidermal cells (shown at the right) in the RFP channel. These N-terminal GFP-fused TaZFP22 and TaZFP46 proteins were localised in the nucleus.

<b>A</b>	ZFP46S1	<b>CAGTAAGCTGACAGTGACGGAACTGCCTA</b>
	ZFP46S2	CT <b>GAGTGAGAAGGAGTG</b> CAATCACAATGGC
	ZFP46S3	GCACATGGAGTGGATGTTA <b>CAGTGCTTGAAT</b>
	ZFP46S4	CTGAGGAGTGATTCAAT <b>CACTCCCATCCAAGC</b>
	ZFP46S5	<b>CACTCATATACAGTATGCGATTACTCCTGA</b>
	ZFP46S6	ATTCCAG <b>CAGTGTGAATGT</b> CAGTGCGATTGT
	ZFP46S7	GGAGTGTGAACT <b>GAGTG</b> CGTACACAAGCAT
	ZFP46S8	<b>CACTCTAGCACACAGTAT</b> CAAATGG <b>CAGTATC</b>
	ZFP46S9	<b>CACTCAAGATTGAGTGTGCGTATAGCACTCCA</b>
	ZFP46S10	GCACCATGGGAGTGGATT <b>TGACAGTGGAATTGT</b>
	ZFP46S11	CCAAGCTCTGTGA <b>CAGTGACATTAGGAGTGCTCG</b>
	ZFP46S12	CGCTGAG <b>GAGTGATT</b> CACA <b>CAGTG</b> CCCCATAA
	Consensus	SAGTR
<b>B</b>	<b>Scanning core region</b>	
	EP1	GGTTGAC <b>CAGTGT</b> CACATGAC <b>CAGTGT</b> CATT
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	EP1m17	GGTTGAg <b>AGT</b> caCACATGAg <b>AGT</b> caCATT
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	EP1m26	GGTTcAg <b>AGTG</b> aCACATcAg <b>AGTG</b> aCATT
	EP1m27	GGTTtAg <b>AGTG</b> aCACATtAg <b>AGTG</b> aCATT
	<b>Defining spacer length</b>	
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### Supplementary Figure S3. The DNA-binding specificity of TaZFP46

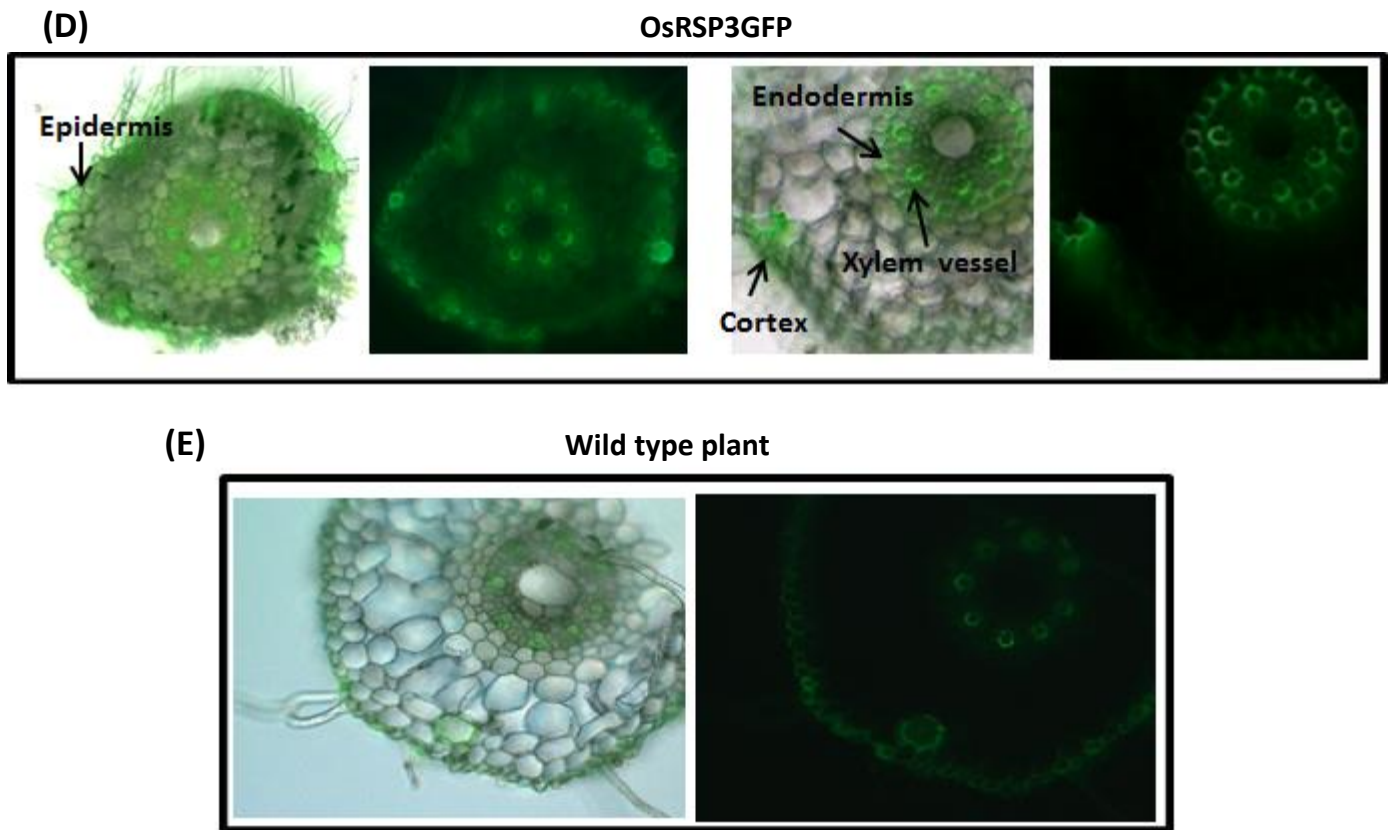
(A) *In vitro* selected DNA-binding sites of TaZFP46. Spacer length between SAGTR (or YACTS) and SAGTR is 5-9 nucleotides. S = C or G; R = A or G; Y = C or T.

(B) Systematic base substitution and insertion/deletion analysis of the TaZFP46 binding sequence using the EP1 element as a starting motif. Values are means  $\pm$  SD of 2-3 assays. Binding activity is expressed as relative to that of EP1. SAGTR in EP1 is typed in bold letters and substituted or inserted bases to EP1 in lower-case letters. Values with a marked increase in binding activity are in bold. RBA, relative binding activity of TaZFP46.



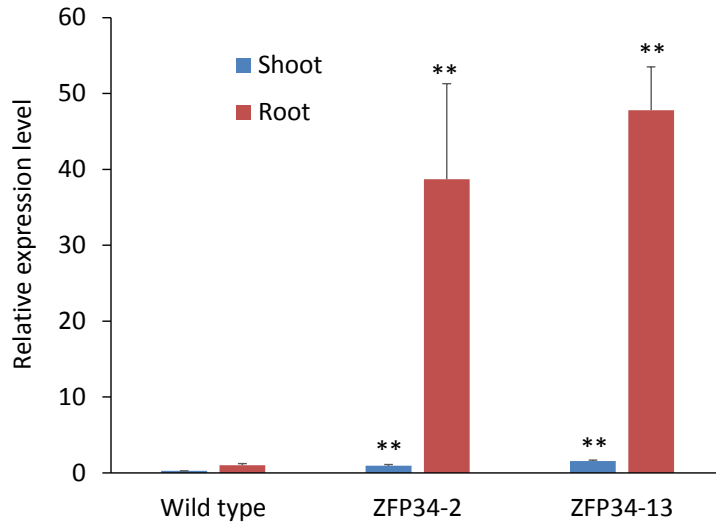
**Supplementary Figure S4.** Root specificity of an *OsRSP3* promoter-driven *GFP* reporter gene (*OsRSP3GFP*) in transgenic wheat plants. Root specificity of *OsRSP3GFP* reporter in transgenic wheat plants is illustrated in (A) with wild type control in (B) and *OsRCg2GFP* (Xue et al., 2016, Reference # 38) as a positive control for some above-ground tissues (C).



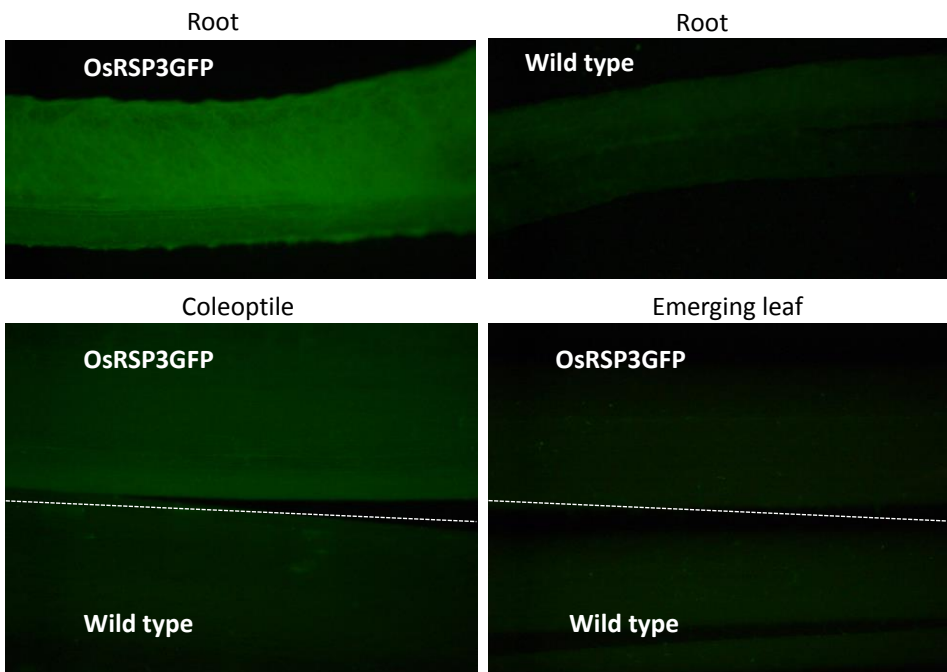


**Supplementary Figure S4-continue.** Cell specificity of OsRSP3GFP reporter expression is shown in **(D)** with wild type control in **(E)**. Cross sections of wheat primary seminal roots **(D & E)** are shown as merged images of a bright-field image and a GFP fluorescence image with corresponding GFP fluorescence images placed at the right side. Low green auto-fluorescence background is present in wild type root cells **(E)**.

**(A) Relative TaZFP34 expression in roots and shoots**



**(B) Relative GFP fluorescence intensity in etiolated seedlings of OsRSP3GFP plants**



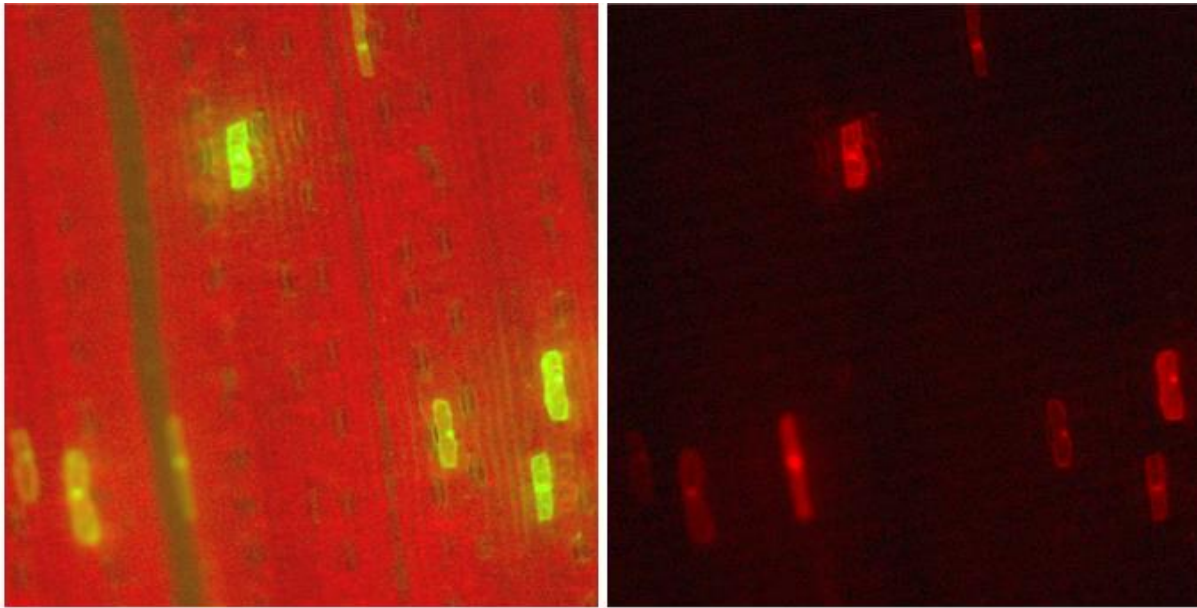
**Supplementary Figure S5.** Relative TaZFP34 expression levels in the roots and shoots of two high TaZFP34-expressing transgenic lines and relative GFP fluorescence intensity in the etiolated seedlings of OsRSP3GFP plants.

**(A)** Relative TaZFP34 expression levels in the roots and shoots of two high TaZFP34-expressing transgenic lines (ZFP34-2 and ZFP34-13). Three-week-old seedlings were used for expression analysis. Values are means + SD of 3-4 biological replicates and expression levels are expressed as relative to that in the roots of the wild type plants. Statistical significance of differences between control and transgenic lines is indicated by asterisks (\*\*  $P < 0.01$ ).

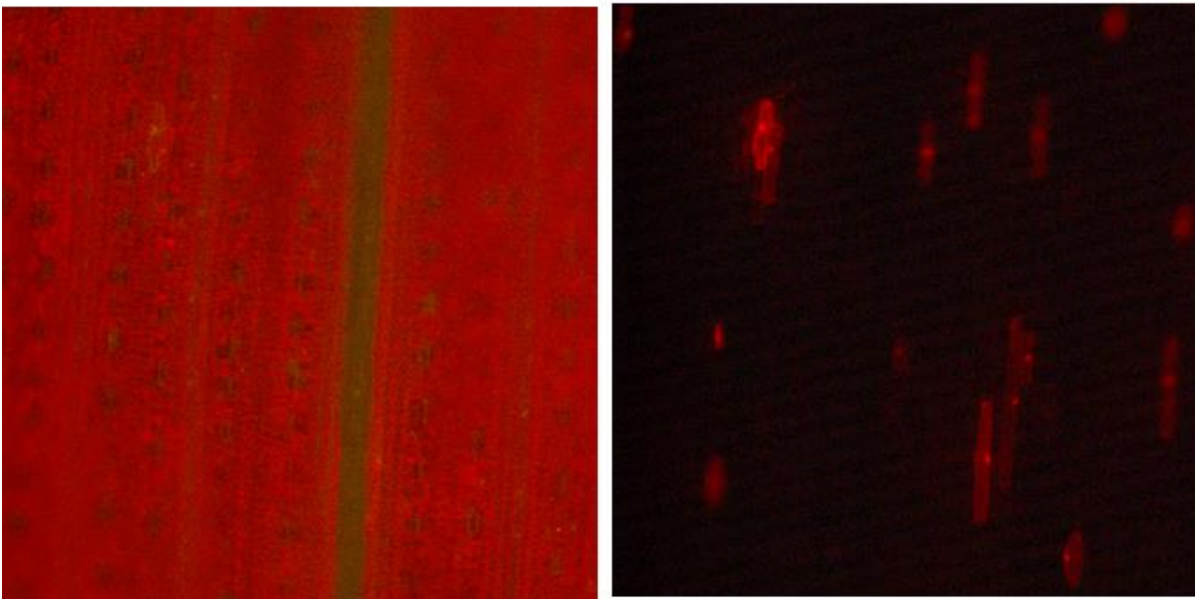
**(B)** Relative GFP fluorescence intensity in the etiolated seedlings of OsRSP3GFP plants. One-week-old dark-grown seedlings were used for analysis.



**TaSHY2GFP & Act1RFP**



**TaSHY2GFP & Act1RFP + Ubi1ZFP34**



**Supplementary Figure S7.** Illustration of co-transformation efficiency of TaSHY2GFP and Act1RFP constructs in wheat leaves using particle bombardment-mediated transformation and repression of TaSHY2GFP expression by *ZmUbi1* promoter-driven TaZFP34 (Ubi1ZFP34). Left panels are GFP channel images and right panels are corresponding RFP channel images. This illustrates that the co-transformation efficiency of GFP and RFP constructs is quite high in this transient expression system.